

REMARKS

Applicants have responded to grounds of rejection set forth in connection with claim 1. Applicants' arguments with respect to claim 1 are applicable to claim 2-15, since claims 2-15 depend from claim 1. Separate arguments with respect to claims 2-15 were not presented in this response because the Office Action of 8/21/03 provided no separate grounds of rejection for claims 2-15. Accordingly, Applicants' response is believed responsive to all grounds of rejection articulated in the Office Action, and Examiner's reconsideration of the case, and allowance of the claims, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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